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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS FAVORABLY ON PARIS CONFERENCE

1. MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Y. B. CHAVAN, HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT HIS BOMBAY HOME APRIL 21 TO REPORT ON OUTCOME OF PARIS CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CIEC). HIS REMARKS STRESSED POSITIVE RESULTS OF MEETING, WHILE TOUCHING ON DIVISIONS AMONG LDC'S AND ISSUE OF COMMISSION GUIDELINES.

2. NOTING EVIDENT DESIRE OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO INITIATE DIALOGUE WITH LDC'S, CHAVAN CALLED MEETING "ONE MORE STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF BUILDING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES." "I AM OPTIMISTIC AND HOPEFUL OF THE RESULTS," HE ADDED.

3. HEADLINE WRITERS PICKED UP THIS THEME. "PARIS MEET FRUITFUL" AND "NEW ERA IN RICH-POOR TIES IN OFFING" WERE TYPICAL. PECULIARLY, NATIONAL HERALD (CONGRESS PARTY-RELATED) HEADLINED ITS PRESS SERVICE STORY "PARIS TALKS GAINS NOT ENOUGH."

4. COMMISSION TERMS OF REFERENCE: ACCORDING TO CHAVAN, PURPOSE OF GROUP OF 19 MEETING BEGINNING JANUARY 5 IS TO MAKE GUIDELINES

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LINES FOR FOUR COMMISSIONS "MORE SPECIFIC AND PRECISE." HE EX-

PLAINED, "UNLESS WE DO IT, DISCUSSIONS WILL NOT BE FRUITFUL. THIS IS THE ANXIETY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

5. LDC DIFFERENCES: CHAVAN CALLED ATTENTION TO "DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH" BETWEEN OPEC MEMBERS AND LDC CONSUMERS. THESE DIFFERENCES NEEDED TO BE "HARMONIZED," HE SAID, IN PARTICULAR IN PREPARATION FOR JANUARY 26 MEETING OF TEN CO-CHAIRMEN. CHAVAN EMPHASIZED, WE ARE DETERMINED TO KEEP THE SOLIDARITY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

6. INDIA'S ROLE: CHAVAN SAW INDIAN DELEGATION AS PLAYING A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN BRINGING THE DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CLOSER TO EACH OTHER. HE REITERATED INDIAN COMMITMENT OF SOLVING WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION.

7. CIEC AND THE SOVIET UNION: RESPONDING TO A QUESTION, CHAVAN SAID THAT COMMUNIST COUNTRIES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN CONFERENCE. (COMMENT: CHAVAN COULD HARDLY HAVE ANSWERED OTHERWISE TO WHAT IN INDIA WAS A LOADED QUESTION. EMBASSY HAS NO EVIDENCE THAT GOI IS INTERESTED IN CHANGING THE NATURE OF THE CONFERENCE BY BRINGING SOVIETS IN.)

8. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS CONFERENCE RESULTS DIRECTLY WITH GOI OFFICIALS. WE WILL BE REPORTING ON THEIR REACTIONS MORE FULLY LATER.  
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